ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಇ. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಪ್ರಿಲಿಮಿನರಿ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎನ್. ನಾಗನೂರ್.—ಪ್ರಿಲಿಮಿನರಿ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು. ಈಗ ಹೈ ಲೆವಲ್ ಕಾಸ್‌ವೇ ಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಪಾಗಿ 51 ಸಾವಿರ ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಇ. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ 51 ಸಾವಿರ ಪ್ರಿಲಿಮಿನರಿ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ inclusive of this causeway ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಹೀಗೆ ಹೇಳುವುದರಿಂದ ಇದರ ಅರ್ಥವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎನ್. ನಾಗನೂರ್.—ಪ್ರಿಲಿಮಿನರಿ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಎಂದು ನಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದು.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—This is one of the items included in the rough estimate. Government are alive to the needs of the people of that area and detailed estimates are being prepared. Immediately that is done, we will take up the work.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಇ. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಮಯಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವಾಗ ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is very difficult to say. In any case, I can assure this much that no time would be lost. All possible efforts would be made to expedite the matter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಇ. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—1959-60ನೆಯ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—We will try.

Construction of Bridge on Darbe-Subramanya Road in South Kanara District.

*Q.—597. Sri K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA (Puttur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the contractor in charge of the construction of bridge on the Darbe-Subramanya road in South Kanara District has abandoned the work ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(*c*) what action is proposed to be taken for early execution of the said work ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) He has claimed higher rates.

(*c*) The question of revision of estimate is being examined.

Sri K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA.—Is it a fact that the work is not in progress now ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Tenders were called for and accepted. The question of rates is now being examined.

Dearness Allowance to the Pensioners.

*Q.—620. Sri F. W. CORBETT (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of pensioners in Mysore State drawing a monthly Pension of Rs. 5 and less ;

(*b*) the number of persons drawing Rs. 6 to Rs. 10 ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that they get a Dearness Allowance of Rs. 6 only ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Palace Pensioners and Pensioners of Local Bodies get no Dearness Allowance at all ;

(*e*) whether they have any intention of extending to the State Pensioners the benefit of the enhanced Dearness Allowance of Rs 10 for those drawing up to Rs. 50 per month and Rs. 12-50 to those drawing above Rs. 50 and up to Rs. 100 per month sanctioned by the Union Government to their pensioners in June 1957 ?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) and (*b*) In respect of (*a*) and (*b*) information has to be collected from the Treasuries. This will take time.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Government have no information. Any increase will have to be met by the Palace and Local Bodies.

(*e*) Not possible.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—In regard to questions (*a*) and (*b*), will the Government supply the information at a later date ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—When the information becomes available it will be made available.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—Regarding answer to (*e*), may I know the reasons why the Central Scales of D.A. cannot be applied to the pensioners of Mysore State ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The financial implications of giving enhanced rates of pensions are beyond the capacity of the State at present.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—Is it correct that the lowest-paid pensioner of the Central Government gets about Rs. 40 whereas Government here is reluctant even to give Rs. 4 or 5 more to pensioners who are getting Rs. 5 or less ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Government have every sympathy towards the pensioners, but it is difficult to enhance their pension or dearness allowance in view of the financial implications.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—The Union Government is paying higher rates of D.A. How is it possible ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The finances of the Union Government compared to our finances bear no resemblance in respect of our capacity to pay.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ತುಟ್ಟಿಭತ್ಯೆ ಕೊಡುವುದರ ಉದ್ದೇಶವೇನು ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It is to give them some relief.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಅಂದಮೇಲೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಸಾಕಾದಷ್ಟು ಕೊಡದೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ ರಿಲೀಫ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಂತಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It does not mean that we will give them what all they claim.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Are the rates of D.A. uniform ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—After the revision, they are uniform.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—The rates of D.A. to pensioners have been increased in Madras and they have been increased in this State also. The pensioners of the erstwhile State of Madras are unable to obtain the benefit of either the increase in Madras or Mysore. Would Government consider their cases favourably ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—There are two categories of pensioners : those who retired before 1st November 1956 and those who retired afterwards. If there is any increase in pension in Madras State after 1st November 1956, then the question as to whether the same rate should be given to them, is a matter which has to be decided between the two States. Correspondence is going on on the subject.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is it a fact that the neighbouring States pay higher rates of dearness allowance to pensioners ? Why is it that our pensioners are suffering ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The question is closely related to the financial capacity of individual States. It varies according to the capacity of each State.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In regard to the cases cited by the Leader of the Opposition, will the Government take a decision soon ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—So far as pensioners who retired before 1st November 1956 is concerned, the question has to be decided between the two States and it is difficult to prescribe a time schedule.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Will the Government at least consider the cases of non-gazetted pensioners sympathetically ? How do Government expect them to live with such meagre D.A. ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—We have sympathy for them, but our sympathy in terms of money is limited.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are not these cases covered by the States Reorganisation Act ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The question is who is to pay ? The question of division of assets and liabilities and other problems is going on.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಟಿ. ಮುರನಾಳ್.—ರಿಟೈರ್ಡ್ ಆದ ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳಿಗೆ ನಾಲ್ಕೈದು ವರ್ಷಗಳಾದರೂ ಪೆನ್ಷನ್ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ; ಅದಕ್ಕೇನು ಕಾರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಎಷ್ಟು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಡಿಸ್‌ಪೋಸ್ ಆಗದೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಉಳಿದಿವೆ ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The question of expeditious disposal of pension claims is beyond the scope of this question. Still I might state that Government have taken all steps to settle claims as soon as possible.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know the extra burden on this State if the D.A. of pensioners is to be brought to the level of neighbouring States?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—That figure has not been worked out and is not available just at present.

9-30 A.M.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—In deciding the pension for Government servants, usually 50 per cent of the salary is given as pension. Should they not on the same basis consider the question of giving 50 per cent of the dearness allowance also to the Government servants who have retired?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Dearness allowance is a temporary relief whereas pension is a permanent relief and therefore commutation or adjustment of the temporary relief cannot be made while giving permanent relief.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Development of Thangadi Bark Industry.

*Q.—101. Sri T. HANUMIAH (Challakere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that Thangadi Bark industry is one of the main cottage industries of Harijans;

(*b*) whether they are also aware that Harijans are being exploited by contractors who make more profit in this industry;

(*c*) the steps taken by the Rural and Cottage Industries Department to develop this industry with a view to improving the economic condition of Harijans?

A.—Smt. LEELAVATHI MAGADI VENKTESH (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries).—

(*a*) Government are aware that Harijans are generally employed by Forest Contractors for collecting Thangadi Bark in forest areas. Collection of Thangadi bark is not an industry.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*a*).

Misappropriation of Grant by the Management of Karnatak Rashtreeya Vidyalaya, Bidar

*Q.—434. Sri J. P. SARWESH (Serum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Karnatak Reshtreeya Vidyalaya, Bidar, is a recognised grant-in-aid school subject to control of the Department of Education;

(*b*) whether there have been complaints from the public or teachers about the misappropriation of the grant by the management of the above school;

(*c*) whether the Inspector of Schools, Bidar, held an enquiry on 14th July 1958 regarding assault on a lady teacher on 8th July 1958 when she refused to agree to the proposal of the Secretary to sign for amounts not received by her;

(*d*) whether and if so the action taken by the Government in this behalf?

A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, from the teachers.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Dispute has been settled by the Inspector of Schools.

Tours of Ministers and Deputy Ministers

*Q.—482. Sri KUNDUR RUDRAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of tours undertaken by each Minister and Deputy Minister in each district after they assumed office up to February 1959;

(*b*) the amount of T.A. and D.A. drawn by them (monthwar details may be furnished);